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ANGLO-INDIAN CHRISTIAN UNION.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the ANGLO-INDIAN CHRISTIAN UNION was held on Tuesday, the 11th day of January 1876, in the Saloon of the Royal Hotel, Edinburgh, the Rev. ALEXANDER DUFF, D.D., LL.D., the President of the Society, in the Chair. The Meeting having been opened with prayer by the Rev. G. D. CULLEN, the Chairman gave an address as to the objects of the Society, and the great need of evangelization among our countrymen in India.

The Rev. Dr Murray Mitchell read the Report, and David Dickson, Esq., gave an approximate financial Statement.

It was thereafter moved by the Rev. Dr Andrew Thomson, seconded by Robert Scott Moncrieff, Esq., Calcutta:—

I. That the Meeting approves of the Report now read, and acknowledges with thankfulness the steady progress of the Society.

Moved by the Rev. John M'Murtrie, M.A., seconded by Captain Oldham, R.E., Bombay, and supported by Andrew Hewatt, Esq., Rangoon:—

II. That the Meeting rejoices in the success attending the efforts of the Winter Mission to the English-speaking population of India, and expresses its great satisfaction with the work accomplished by the Rev. A. N. Somerville, its first deputy; while, at the same time, it is deeply impressed with the claims which our Countrymen in India have upon the increased sympathy and aid of Christians at home, and the necessity of sustaining the work by a larger supply of men and means.

Moved by the Rev. Joseph Bush, seconded by H. Cleghorn, Esq., M.D.:—

III. That the Patron, President, and Vice-Presidents remain as before, with the exception of Mr Carre Tucker, who has been removed by death; that the Committee be reappointed; that the Rev. Joseph Bush be appointed an Honorary Secretary in room of the Rev. W. Scott Moncrieff; that the other Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurers be re-appointed; and that the Rev. Peter Bannatyne be appointed General Secretary—Mr Phillips continuing to act as Travelling Secretary for England.

The Meeting was then closed with the Benediction.

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OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

- I. Sending out and aiding in the Support of Ministers and Evangelists where there is a want of Christian ordinances; and also encouraging the diffusion of Christian Literature among Europeans in India, and co-operating with the Bible, Tract, and Christian Vernacular Societies.
- II. The appointment annually of gifted Evangelists to visit the chief centres of population and influence, bringing the Gospel to bear, apart from denominational distinctions, on all the Churches and Missions, and on the English-speaking Natives.

WORK IN INDIA.

WINTER MISSION-

COMMISSIONER IN INDIA-Rev. John Fordyce, Simla.

LAY EVANGELIST-Mr John Nelson.

Mr Nelson left Liverpool for Calcutta on February 3, 1876.

ORDAINED EVANGELIST—Rev. FREDERICK HALLIDAY.

Mr Halliday divides his time between work among Natives and Europeans in Bengal, and is supported jointly by the Wesleyan Missionary Society and the Anglo-Indian Union.

- The Rev. W. J. Morrison, M.A., is aided by this Society in his work among Europeans in Northern India.
- The Rev. J. Kerr Bain, M.A., was appointed by the Committee to Rangoon, after a Congregation had been formed there by Mr Fordyce in 1872. The Congregation is self-supporting.

ANGLO-INDIAN CHRISTIAN UNION.

REPORT FOR 1875.

The Committee of the Anglo-Indian Christian Union present this their fifth Annual Report to the public with a growing conviction of the importance of the task on which they are engaged. They have, at the same time, a clearer perception than ever of the difficulties with which they have to contend; and it is evident that the most strenuous efforts will require to be put forth, both in this country and in India, in order to accomplish any considerable part of the work which the Union has seen it needful to undertake. One important part of that work will be to diffuse information which may stimulate other bodies to share in the great enterprise of providing for the spiritual wants of our countrymen in India.

Every one acquainted with the condition of India, is aware of the deplorable destitution of the means of grace under which multitudes of our countrymen in that great continent are labouring. In the language of Sir William Muir, the destitution is "daily increasing," and this chiefly—though not solely—in consequence of the extension of the railway system. We cannot wonder if, in such circumstances, many of our countrymen sink into ungodliness and immorality. This result is of itself unspeakably deplorable. But farther, just as every truly godly European in India is a great power for good among the native population, so every ungodly European is a great power for evil-indeed, as has often been said, the most powerful of all anti-Christian influences. British Christians are therefore bound for every reason to do all that in them lies towards the supply of Christian ordinances and instruction to those of our expatriated countrymen who are, as truly as the Heathen around them, perishing for lack of knowledge.

This Society does not profess to have done more, as yet, than make a beginning. The Committee have had to contend with

serious obstacles. It has been more difficult than they expected to find agents at once qualified and willing to go forth to India; and one most valuable labourer, sent forth a year ago, has already been driven from his work by sickness. But your Committee will persevere, for they feel that necessity is laid upon them; and they are fully persuaded that, if they wait upon Him, the Lord Himself will be the breaker-up of their way.

The work which the Anglo-Indian Christian Union seeks to perform consists of two parts. The first is that of appointing, and aiding in the support, of ministers and evangelists who hope to labour permanently in India. The second is the maintenance of the Winter Mission—which aims at sending out ministers or laymen of high Christian character, to conduct evangelistic work during the cold season, primarily among our own countrymen, and, as opportunity offers, among the natives of India who are acquainted with English.

GENERAL WORK.

Rev. John Fordyce.—Our last Report bore testimony to the invaluable services which Mr Fordyce was enabled to render to the Union during his visit to this country. He remained in Britain about a month after last Annual Meeting, and continued his unwearied efforts to arouse an interest in the work. Mr and Mrs Fordyce left Europe to return to India, in the end of January. The subjoined statement from his own pen will shew the extent and importance of the work in which Mr Fordyce has been

engaged since his return to India. (See p. 10.)

Mr Forbes.-Mr W. L. H. Forbes, son of the Hon. Robert Forbes, late of the Bengal Civil Service, was sent out in November 1874. Mr Forbes proceeded to the station of Saharanpore in Northern India. At this station there were between 60 and 70 families of Europeans and Eurasians who were entirely destitute of the means of grace, unless in so far as these could be occasionally supplied by the Rev. W. P. Morrison and other American Missionaries, amidst the pressure of their proper duties. Both Mr and Mrs Forbes gave themselves to the work with great devotedness; and a blessing was manifestly resting on their labours both among the men and women at Saharanpore, when Mr Forbes's health entirely gave way, about three months after his arrival, so that he was compelled to leave India, with no prospect of being able to return. His connection with the Union has, therefore, ceased; but your Committee cannot close this paragraph without expressing, in the strongest terms, their high appreciation of his Christian character, and their great regret at losing his zealous and efficient services.

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Mr John Nelson.—Your Committee have, however, the satisfaction of reporting the appointment of another labourer for India —Mr John Nelson. Mr Nelson has had the great advantage of studying upwards of a year in Mr Grattan Guinness's Missionary Training College. We have received the most satisfactory testimonials regarding Mr Nelson's Christian character, and his zeal in conducting evangelistic services. His main duty in India will be to visit and bring the truth home to as large a number of persons connected with the railways as possible. The exact sphere of his labours will be decided by Mr Fordyce and the friends of the Union in India.

The difficulty of procuring qualified men in this country for the work in India has led the Simla branch of the Society to suggest the employment of agents who are already in India. It is believed that men of approved Christian character may be found in that country, who could render important service; and the Simla friends kindly offer to pay half the expenses of any agents who may be so employed.

The Rev. F. Halliday.—By a joint arrangement of the Wesleyan Missionary Society and the Anglo-Indian Union, the Rev. F. Halliday was appointed to labour in Eastern Bengal. Mr Halliday proceeded to Kooshtea on the Eastern Bengal Railway; but we are not yet able to report much regarding the success of his work; and it is now under consideration whether Mr Halliday may not find a more suitable field of labour in another part of Bengal.

Lahore.—Your Committee have been applied to on behalf of Lahore, the chief city of the Punjaub, where a minister is greatly needed. The pastor at Lahore would confine his labours to that station and the immediate neighbourhood. The Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church are deeply interested in this station, and are looking out for a suitable minister, towards whose support they have kindly offered to contribute a considerable sum.

Mussoorie.—A very pressing request has come from Mussoorie, a hill-station in Northern India, for the appointment of an ordained Minister to the congregation that meets for worship in the recently built Union Church. Mussoorie, along with Landour, is a place of hardly less importance than Simla. The congregation for about seven months in the year amounts to nearly 300 persons; and Col. Anderson and the Rev. James Smith, of Delhi, members of the Committee of the Union Church, express their conviction that a faithful minister would soon receive full support from the congregation. For about five months of the year the minister would

labour in the plains; and his support would require to come for that period from this Society. Your Committee are convinced of the exceeding desirableness of complying with the request of the Mussorie friends; and they earnestly trust that both the needful means and the fit man may be found for this very important station.

Education.—The previous part of this Report speaks of what we have done, and hope to do, for our countrymen in India through the agency of ordained ministers and lay evangelists. There are other modes of bringing the truth to bear on the minds of our countrymen, the importance of which it would be difficult to overestimate. For example, there is the education of the children of Europeans and Eurasians on Scriptural principles. The need of this has been pressed on your Committee by friends in India, and we entirely sympathize with them in their views of the overwhelm-. ing importance of the work. At present, in many cases, either the children are not educated at all, or the parents are tempted to send them to Roman Catholic schools; for in India, as elsewhere, Rome is on the alert, and is eager to seize on the minds of the young of both sexes, and mould them after her own unscriptural system. Like the Simla Branch of the Union, your Committee regard the providing a Scriptural education for those children, in the many localities where schools do not exist, as demanding the most energetic efforts of a Society specially intended to grapple with the task. In the meantime, all that our own Society can do to aid this important object, without departing from its own line of action, will cheerfully be done.

Colportage.—Another important means of doing good among our countrymen is the circulation of good books. We will gladly continue to aid, if our means allow, in the work of diffusing Christian literature, as carried on by the Bible, Tract, and Christian Vernacular Societies.

We cannot close this portion of our Report that refers to India, without gratefully acknowledging the zealous co-operation we have received from the Simla Branch of the Society of which Sir H. Norman is President, and Mr Barclay Chapman Vice-

president.

Rangoon.—We are happy to report that a handsome and commodious church has been erected and opened at Rangoon, for the congregation ministered to by the Rev. Kerr Bain. Mr Bain was sent out by the Union, but is wholly supported by the congregation.

THE WINTER MISSION.

This is under the special charge of the London Committee. We shall therefore not dwell upon it in this Report with such fulness as its importance would otherwise require. The great fact connected with the Winter Mission is the visit to India of the Rev. A. N. Somerville, of Glasgow. Mr Somerville landed in India in November 1874, and left it in the end of April 1875. The labour which our honoured friend was called to perform, and to perform we rejoice to think, without injury to his health, was wonderfully great. He travelled in India itself between five and six thousand miles; he addressed all classes of our countrymen civilians, soldiers, sailors, ladies, young men, children, and also large bodies of English-speaking natives, and occasionally, through interpreters, natives unacquainted with our language. Ministers and laymen of all Protestant churches gave him a warm welcome, and heartily co-operated with him in his work. From all the parts of India which he visited there have come back the warmest testimonies to the good which the Lord enabled His servant to accomplish.

All the greater, therefore, has been our disappointment in finding it impossible to send forth either minister or evangelist on a similar mission this winter. Every effort has been made by the London and Edinburgh Committees to obtain men, or at least a man, to follow in Mr Somerville's footsteps. In all, seventeen different persons have been successively applied to, but entirely

without success.

The Rev. Edward A. Phillips, Travelling Secretary of the Union, has been diligently employed during the past year pleading for it both in England and Scotland. He has been able to form Branch Societies in the following places:—Cheltenham, Bath, Swansea, and Brecon. He has also visited, with a view to the formation of Branch Societies wherever practicable, Manchester, Paisley, Greenock, Arbroath, Melrose, Brighton, Southampton, Reading, Bristol, Clifton, and Weston-super-Mare.

It has been felt desirable that the Secretary of the Union should have his headquarters in Edinburgh. It is, therefore, proposed that while Mr Phillips will still be Travelling Secretary for England, and continue his valued advocacy of the Union in the South, the Rev. Peter Bannatyne will discharge the duties of General Secretary. Mr Bannatyne resides in Edinburgh; and from his business habits and experience we may reasonably expect that his

appointment will be of great value to the Society.

The Rev. W. Scott Moncrieff having accepted of a living in Durham, has resigned his office as one of the Honorary Secretaries, and it is proposed that the Rev. Joseph Bush be appointed in his place.

The Committee are under great obligations to the Messrs George Smith and Sons of Glasgow, for their disinterested liberality in taking out several of our agents in their excellently equipped steamers, at reduced rates.

Funds.—The funds are in a tolerably satisfactory state, and with an increased diffusion of information, they may reasonably be expected to increase.

We are under the deepest obligations to our zealous Lady Collectors for the invaluable service they have rendered the Union.

II. EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF REV. J. FORDYCE, DATED SIMLA, 10th SEPTEMBER 1875.

This year my report of actual work in India for the Society must be brief. We arrived in Calcutta in March, and had to hasten soon after to Simla, as the season began earlier than usual. I have already reported my conference with the Rev. Frederick Halliday and others in Calcutta, the arrangements I had to make at Etawah, my deep regret for the return of Mr Forbes, and my joy in finding at Saharanpore precious fruits of his labours.

In Simla during a season of many troubles and rich blessings, I have been partly occupied with the affairs of the Society, in correspondence, and otherwise. As to the troubles, this retreat from the hot plains has been visited by cholera, fever, &c. The rains have been unusually abundant, and are still going on far beyond the ordinary time. But we have had more spiritual blessings than in former years. The Union Church prospers. Bible readings are better attended. Evangelistic services have been multiplied. We have had no general awakening such as we longed for; but there have been cases of decided conversion that gladden us greatly, and God's people have been edified.

We have had a great influx of ministers. Besides Bishop Milman and Archdeacon Baly, there have been a number of Chaplains, and five much esteemed brethren of the Church Mission—the Rev. Mr Mohun, of Allahabad; Messrs Hooper and Wade, of Lahore; and Messrs Clarke and Baring, of Umritsur. The last is a first cousin of the Viceroy, and

son of the Bishop of Durham."

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Learning lately that two American Missionaries would be passing Simla to the far greater heights beyond us—Dr Brodhead, of Allahabad, and Mr Wherry, of Lodiana, I invited them to stay here a few days for a combination of rest and work. They kindly consented. I then invited Dr Morrison, who wrote the Lodiana appeal to Christendom for prayer, and his son, Mr Morrison, who labours much among Anglo-Indians, and whose health broke down for a little during the time of cholera at Umballa. When they came, we had a week of special services, and we have now precious memories of these.

Mr Morrison gave an address last Monday evening on his work in connection with the Anglo-Indian Society, especially at Saharanpore and Phillour, and of good results from combining household visitation with public services. He also bore emphatic testimony to the good done

in a short time by Mr Forbes at Saharanpore.

I should add, that for a week we had a daily prayer meeting at 7.30 every morning. Twice laymen presided—Mr Barclay Chapman, Financial Secretary to the Government, and a younger civilian, Mr Coldstream, son of a "beloved physician" in Edinburgh, whose memory lives in many lands in connection with Medical Missions. Sir William Muir presided at one of the Evangelistic meetings, and gave an admirable address.

I hope the testimonies given at our recent Annual Meeting here by the Chairman, Sir Henry Norman, and by Sir W. Muir, and others, will help the cause at home. The Committee has since met, and plans are in progress for widening, if possible, the basis of support for the Simla Branch, so that there may be more effective co-operation with the Home Society. There are difficulties from the fact that the Committee cannot be here all the year round; but arrangements have been made for obtaining and dispensing money during the cold season. Colonel Hugh Rose is to reside at Simla all the year. He has been appointed Treasurer; and authority has been given to him as Treasurer and to myself as Secretary of the Simla Branch, to carry out the resolutions of the Committee, and report at the beginning of next Simla season.

The resolutions are,—to aid all branches of the Society's work as far as their funds allow, and especially to share with the Home Committee the responsibility of probationary appointments where the need is urgent and suitable agents can be obtained. As to such appointments, we wish to conjoin prudence with zeal. There are spheres open and necessitous.

Appeals come to me to aid in the education of poor whites,—and even of some not very poor, who have no choice except schools that are either Popish or Ritualistic. This is a work so vast that, whilst the Simla Committee confess its importance, they do not see that the Anglo-Indian Union can take it up in any very definite and extensive way. The evangelistic work which should be done is so large that they hesitate to approve of this addition. It might be the work of a different Society. It is before Government, and before the Christian public of India now. Meanwhile, if any supporters of the Anglo-Indian Union have had their hearts moved to aid, it will not be at all difficult to turn their gifts to good account.

There is another object which appears more and more important here as at home, viz., Christian Literature; and I trust the Society will soon be able to give larger grants to existing agencies, or otherwise aid in this work. Sir W. Muir proposed grants of good books to various stations, and we will faithfully so use all donations that may be expressly sent for this object. The Simla Committee prefers generally to encourage purchases of books; but there are cases in which Sir William's proposal would be very useful,—forming nuclei of self-sustaining libraries, or, where libraries exist, creating a taste for a better class of books. If a box of books were sent to me at Calcutta soon they might be turned to good account during the cold season; and money can at any time be applied to such uses through our large depôts.

As to Lahore, the people have had long patience, and I do hope that a minister will be sent to them soon. I fully intend to go there in March, if not sooner, either to prepare for a minister or to help him

if there.

The claims of Mussoorie and Landour will, I am sure, have due attention. If the congregation there agrees to do its best, home Societies

may well aid for a few years.

I have frequent inquiries as to the Winter Mission—and especially as to Who is coming ?—inquiries the more eager because of the success that crowned the labours of Mr Somerville. I hear of many refusals, and, as yet, of no consent. May the Lord thrust forth labourers out of their "gardens enclosed" into this wide and ripening field.

III. REPORT OF WINTER MISSION.

This branch of our Society was established for the purpose of sending out to India faithful men experienced in the work of evangelizing the masses, to preach the gospel during the cold season, in the first instance, to our countrymen, and secondly, when opportunity occurred, to the English speaking natives.

It was felt to be most desirable that this Society should take part in the movement begun some years ago, to elevate the Indian community to a higher spiritual level, through the preaching

of the Gospel by an itinerant agency.

It was late in the summer of 1874 when the London Committee, who conduct this branch, was formed, and consequently they were unable to secure the services of more than one Evangelist for the ensuing winter. In doing this much, however, they consider that they achieved a great deed, and conferred an enduring benefit on the Church of Christ in India. In sending out the Rev. A. N. Somerville, of Glasgow, to further a revival of spiritual life in some of the large cities of our Indian Empire, under the Divine blessing, the Committee feel assured that all the friends of the Society—after reading the subjoined letter by Mr Somerville will agree with them, that his going forth was of the Lord, and that his abundant labours in preaching in season and out of season, accompanied by the much prayer of that united band of living Christians of all sections of the Church in those various towns, are sure indications that God has owned and blessed His servant's devoted labours, and that the fruit will be seen to spring forth in His own time and way in rich abundance.

The London Committee much regret that their efforts to procure experienced Evangelists to follow up the revival work so well and so hopefully prosecuted by Mr Somerville proved ineffectual. They made application to seventeen earnest and tried men in succession, but for various reasons none of them was able to accept the invitation to spend this winter in preaching the Gospel in India. Your Committee purpose, however, appealing immediately to several eminent preachers, and they hope by doing so thus early, they will be successful in securing men fully qualified to proceed to

India in October next.

F. W. L. G.

IV. LETTER FROM REV, A. N. SOMERVILLE.

DEAR MR GORDON,

At your request, but with some reluctance, I make a brief memorandum of my mission to India last winter in connection with the

Anglo-Indian Christian Union.

The object of my mission was twofold. First, and principally, to visit our European countrymen, dispersed over the vast expanse of India, though clustered in greatest numbers in the chief cities; and secondly, provided opportunity were offered me, to scatter some handfuls of the seed of the Word of God among the native non-Christian population.

I went out at the time when our own country was the subject of a great religious movement, and some of the methods of procedure which had been found advantageous at home, I was anxious, in harmony with

the wishes of the Society, to employ in the East.

Having received formal permission from my Church to accept the Union's invitation, as well as the generous consent of my own congregation, your Committee engaging to pay for probationer's supply in my absence, I left London on the 23d of October 1874 for Calcutta, via Brindisi and Ceylon. We touched at Madras, and I spent a few hours, with eyes of wonder, in the Missionary Institution of the Free Church of Scotland. There I found in attendance, at school and at college, between 800 and 900 turbaned youths, dressed in white, a large proportion of whom, seemingly, were full grown. I also visited the female schools connected with the Mission. Calcutta I reached on Monday, the 30th of November. This was the day on which I entered on the 38th year of my pastorate. On the same evening I commenced my public ministry in Calcutta in a church, kindly selected for the purpose by the ministers and others in concert previous to my arrival.

My work in Calcutta was carried on in various places of worship, and latterly, on week days, in a theatre not otherwise engaged. Every thing was done by friends on the spot to promote the success of my visit. I remained thirty-one days in Calcutta, during which I find I had no few

than eighty-two religious meetings of various kinds.

On the night of the 31st of December, I started for Allahabad, remaining there thirteen days, and thereafter I visited in succession Lucknow, Cawnpore, Agra, Toondla, Delhi, Meerut, Dehra, Saharanpore, Amballa, Lahore, and Meanmeer, Mooltan, Umritsur, Jubbulpore, Bombay, Poona, and in Central India, Nagpore and Kampti; returning, after a journey of about 5600 miles, to Calcutta, where I resumed work for a few days. Passing thence by sea, I held eleven meetings in Madras—from which city, I embarked on my return voyage to Great Britain on the 9th of May—arriving in London, via Brindisi, on the 11th of June 1875.

At some of the twenty Indian towns noted above, I remained but a brief period; at the principal ones my stay was more protracted. Not taking into account time spent at sea, I find that I was actually on Indian soil 156½ days, and I observe from my journal, that during that

period, notwithstanding the distance travelled over, the great heat at some times, at others the chilly nights, and the necessity of having arrangements in novel circumstances made everywhere, I was enabled by the Divine help, to conduct—of one kind and another—351 religious services. I cannot but record these things, because you press me for detail; but another reason for doing so, is to encourage my successors, not perhaps, to have so many meetings, but to enter boldly, though no doubt prudently, on their work, without fear of India's climate involving them in peculiar risk. I may be excused for saying, that on my return through Egypt, after an interval of nearly twenty-seven years, I ascended the great Pyramid for the second time, with the object of obtaining a certificate, from that venerable relic of antiquity, that whatever might befal after my reaching home, India, at least, and its hard work, at sixty-two years of age, had done my constitution no harm. And here let me add, that I found the advantage, during my laborious service, of living in comparative retirement, and further, that throughout my stay in India, I drank of no beverage stronger than iced water, in which, indeed, I indulged abundantly. To this forbearance from alcoholic drinks, I attribute much of the health and vigour I enjoyed.

Besides my work in India, I had profitable opportunities of addressing not a few companies by the way, as at Paris, Florence, Rome, Alexandria, and also while on board the Peninsular and Oriental steam

vessels going and returning.

Though attached to my own section of the Christian Church, I resolved to conduct my mission in an undenominational capacity. I considered my object to be, not to visit churches, to report on missions, nor even merely to preach sermons—though I had incessant work of this kind to do—but by getting alongside of all parties, to endeavour to win souls to Christ; my dependence being on the mighty power of God.

Before commencing operations any where, I was in the habit of requesting a private interview with ministers and Christian friends of different denominations, so that a Committee in aid might be appointed, and suitable and ample advertisement of all meetings be made. At this preliminary conference, after explaining my objects and methods, I firmly urged that the co-operation of all was indispensable to success, that with that co-operation, I should hope for much blessing, that without it I should be weak, and that my aim was to prove equally helpful to all.

I must say, that with few exceptions, and these only in one section of the Church, a delightful harmony was exhibited during my stay. Any happy results of my visit to India, may be, in measure, attributed to the gathering together of Christ's membership and ministry in many places

and at many times.

Every where I met with the greatest kindness. The ministers of different Churches gave me a warm welcome; missionaries and Christian labourers of both sexes were ready to assist. Much intercessory prayer was offered at the meetings for the work, and for individuals. It was gratifying to find a nucleus, larger or smaller, of hearty Christians in almost every place. I received valuable aid from officers and soldiers in the army, from civilians, merchants, physicians, contractors, railway managers, ladies, native converts, and others. To one beloved friend I

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may be permitted to refer by name, the late Dr John Wilson, of Bombay, just passed away. I was most materially assisted in some of the larger cities by young men. Indeed, as my visit immediately followed the week of prayer for young men in November 1874, observed in many parts of the world, and in India itself, I could not but consider that I had reaped harvest, in answer to prayer for them. At Calcutta, Allahabad, Agra, Lahore, Bombay, and it may be in other places, Young Men's Christian Associations were formed in connection with my visit.

My programme included a Daily Union Prayer Meeting; in Čalcutta, at I o'clock P.M.; elsewhere generally at 8 a.M.; in Bombay, at 7.30 a.M.; and Evangelistic Service in the evening. But many additional meetings were held; for example, with ladies, soldiers, young men, children, sailors, prisoners, Bene-Israel (Jews), native converts, enquirers, and also ministers and missionaries. To meetings with non-Christian natives, I will afterwards refer. In the principal cities I delivered a special lecture to young men, to which the general public was invited,—some well known personage occupying the chair, and admission being obtained by ticket, the young men themselves taking charge of the distribution. My last meeting had commonly the character of an open Conference of ministers and others, concluding with a parting address. On several occasions at this meeting, questions which, according to previous intimation, any parties had been permitted to propose in writing, were publicly answered; the entire service occupying about three hours.

The places in which exercises were conducted included churches, colleges, institutions, halls Christian and Parsee, theatres, palaces, prisons, hospitals, soldiers' prayer rooms, schoolrooms, ships'-cabins, gardens

(under awning), and open air.

The attendance was in many instances surprising; the longer the visit the more people in general came out. This was greatly owing to the amicable spirit displayed on the part of ministers and others. The blessing that seemed to fall on us, I could not but attribute to the sympathy and amount of intercession which, in Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, and in several other places, as well as in India itself, this Winter Mission enjoyed.

Here I must add, that the success of my visit was much advanced by the use of those hymns, which have proved so useful at home, in connection with the work of Messrs Moody and Sankey. My son, a young man under seventeen years of age, I took with me, at my own charges. He was of material service in conducting the musical department. We had no solo-singing; but choirs of Christian singers were readily formed everywhere, and the interest and prosperity of the assemblies were greatly promoted by frequent exercise in lively and spiritual song. Eight thousand small hymn-books, and two thousand books with music, which we took out with us, were bought up with avidity; had more been at hand they would have been rapidly disposed of. In addition to these books we printed in India 13,000 sheets, containing eight hymns each,—these were distributed at meetings gratuiteusly among natives, soldiers, children, &c. So much for work among the Europeans.

With regard to the Natives, I found, to my surprise and gratification, that as the result of efforts made by Christian churches, and now by the

Government, the knowledge of the English language is so generally diffused that not only in Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay can large non-Christian audiences be obtained, but that throughout India, alike in the distant North-West and in the Central Provinces, the numbers are considerable, who are quite able to follow an English address, and more than that, are willing to listen to a stranger, though he comes to speak to them exclu-

sively on the claims of Christianity.

I addressed no fewer than seven such audiences in Calcutta, the last of these, called by public advertisement, amounting to between 700 and 800 men. I had similar opportunities of addressing non-Christian natives in Allahabad, Lucknow, Cawnpore, Agra, Delhi, Meerut, Amballa, Lahore, Mooltan, Umritsur, Jubbulpore, Bombay, Poonah, Nagpore, and Madras. In several of these places the natives assembled more than once to hear me; and sometimes the meetings were crowded. In all, I addressed, during my visit, 29 non-Christian assemblies. The remarks which my auditors made at the conclusion of the lecture were sometimes very interesting and characteristic. The propriety with which they listened, and remained till the close, was surprising. At Mooltan, in the Punjaub, I even performed public baptism before a native non-Christian congregation, in the case of a converted Mahometan, without any disturbance taking place. My gratitude to God for having permitted me to address so many native gatherings of my non-Christian fellow-subjects in India is, I hope, sincere.

In concluding this Report, I must express my regret that my limits, as well as the fear of making omissions where kindness was received from so many persons, prevent me specifying the names of friends in India who gave me, as the representative of the Anglo-Indian Christian Union, their cordial and effective support. The memory of my intercourse with many of these beloved coadjutors will never leave me. My obligations to the London Committee for their uniform courtesy, and for their consideration in leaving me so unfettered as to arrangements while on the field, as also to the Rev. John Fordyce, of Simla, who, when at home in 1874, did so much to organise my mission, I gratefully acknowledge. In the discharge of my mission I was often conscious of defects on my own part, but for which a richer harvest might have been gathered in.

I do not think it lies with me, at present, to offer general remarks on the subject of Indian mission work among Europeans or natives, nor do I append words of appeal with reference to the prosecution of the Winter Mission in future—either as to funds or evangelists. Utterance of opinions and pleading for the great Indian field, must be deferred to other opportunities. Let me express my wondering gratitude to God for his goodness to my son and to myself during the entire enterprise; that goodness evinced itself from the moment we left these shores to that on which we touched them again, in matters the most minute as in the most important. In going forth I asked great things; I expected great things; and great things I expect even still.—I am, yours,

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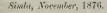
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The Church takes high ground when thoroughly loyal to her glorious Head, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Every real Christian should realize his "high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Personally we should take a lowly place before God; but as his people we should diffuse light as the very truth of God, and urge others to faith, repentance and every duty as the will of the Supreme. If the followers of Christ were to walk humbly on the high places of a clear revelation, a sure salvation, and an unequivocal devotedness, their light would first startle and alarm, and then illumine and bless the world.

The Lord Jesus enforces the duty of reflecting His light by a simple, but striking illustration. What men do for a house, He would do for the wide world. "Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaveu."

Believers are not to conceal their light by escaping from a busy world as hermits, or monks, or nuns; but to let their light shine before men. They are not to shut it up, as some do, in cautious reserve, either from false modesty, or fear of the world's ridicule. Let your light shine in an open and explicit profession, and by speaking the truth in love. Above all let your light shine in your good works. You are not to do them in order to be seen of men; but they should be so many, so habitual, that they cannot but be seen. Ostentation is to be avoided; but be not ashamed of doing good. The lines of Christian action are many:—considering and helping the poor, "visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction," instructing the ignorant, contributing of our substance

to maintain Christian ordinances, and to diffuse the gospel, are a few obvious examples. "Do good as ye have opportunity." Be "ready to every good word and work." Watch prayerfully for opportunities, and promptly improve them. Thus living, maintaining and multiplying good works, you will "glorify your Father which is in heaven." This is the chief end that ennobles all such service. Aim at His glory, and your depeat affections will be moved, your powers will be concentrated on the highest objects; and whatever your place in the Church below, yours will be accounted an honorable service in the light of heaven, and will be signalized at last by the "WELL DONE" of our blessed Lord from the judgment-throne.

I have now to request your earnest attention to the importance of multiplying "burning and shining lights" in India,—glowing with love and luminous with truth,

The Rulers of this great Empire ought to exemplify these words of the "King of kings and Lord of lords." Here, in a land of idols and manifold delusions, as the representatives of a Christian nation, they are under solemn obligations to make very manifest by their administration, and by their personal character, the excellence of the religion of the Lord Jesus. I am quite aware of the delicacy and difficulty of their position in a state of society so complex as that of India; and of the necessity of tolerating all religions. But Hindus and Mahomedans view them as representing a Christian Empire; and it is the duty of all Rulers, from the least to the greatest, to act with such dignity, justice, integrity, wisdom and courtesy as shall reflect honour on the British name, and be glorifying to Britain's God.

History records no parallel to the transfer of this great Empire to the rule and care of a far-off island of the sea. It is a marvellous record that I can only touch; but we all know it well. Surely in this the Supreme Ruler has a great moral purpose. India was wrapt in darkness, and Britain was pre-eminently the land of light. Christianity had made our beloved home-lands "great, glorious and free" among the nations; and this treasure of light, life, and love India needed, a treasure which we may at once conserve and diffuse, so that whilst we impart it to others we keep it more thoroughly than ever for ourselves.

The hand of the Lord is in all this, and for a great moral purpose; and surely Britons who dishonour God in India do what they can to bring down His righteous judgments. Happily there are many in high places who remember even here to "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's;" and those who know best realize most vividly the unspeakable benefits that British rule has conferred on India. But there are sad exceptions; and it would be well to remember that not only amid scenes of deadly conflict, but in these peaceful provinces of India, Christian "England expects every man to do his duty." All of every rank who, in name at least, represent-a Christian nation, bear in this land a weighty responsibility, and whether they give heed to it or not, they must give their account to God.



It is for a lamentation in this land that so many in its cities, and widely scattered amongst its hills and valleys dishonour the God of their fathers by their indifference to their highest interests, and even by intemperance, infidelity and licentiousness. Believing as I do that God reigneth among the nations, and that Britons are here for a great moral and spiritual purpose, I venture to aver that our chief peril is not amongst the native population at all, but in the ungodly lives of those who do what they can to dishonour the Christian name and to hinder India's enlightenment and conversion. Let us honour God as a people; and He will assuredly honour us and our nation.

Simla, 8th November, 1876.

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THE HON'BLE SIR WILLIAM MUIR, K.C.S.L., when presiding a few days before leaving India at the Annual Meeting at Simla of the Anglo-Indian Christian Union, spoke as follows :- How common, alas, it was to hear the Christian cause decried because of the careless ungodly lives of our country-men! Through them, indeed, the name of God was too often blasphemed. Now for every European man and woman converted from vice to virtue, such reproach would be turned into blessing; and for every such one brought to the faith of Jesus, we were changing a plaguespot into a source of healing virtue; in place of gross misleading darkness, we were kindling lights of divine guidance all over the land. The snowclad peaks were beautiful, but they were altogether useless in their unapproachable pathless heights. It was not until thawed by the sun, that the snow came down and watered the valleys, clothing them with verdure and gladness. Even so it was not enough for the Christian to seek for the blessings of the faith, however bright and pure, in the closet alone, presenting all the while a front, like that of the snow peaks, cold and inaccessible, to the world; the Christian must carry down his principles and action into daily life, and so spread his Christian example amongst all ranks of society, European and Native, with whom he comes in contact, as to make his influence and example fruitful of blessing amongst them; and thus we might hope that men, taking knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus, might be drawn on to walk in the same happy path.

INDIA'S FUTURE.

The Sun of Righteousness o'er all thy land—
Its mountains grand and valleys stretching wide—
Shall light and healing graciously shed forth.
Thy sons and daughters, quickened by His power,
Anon shall rise and His bright glory see,
And, taught and guided by His heavenly ray,
The truth of God shall seek and surely find,
And with the ecstacy of joy shall sing
His goodness, grace, and peace, which know no bounds.

The late John Wilson, D.D., F.R.S. &c.



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THE CHURCH'S CALL TO INDIA.

1.
OF Eastern land, art thou;
With richest gifts and rarest
Kind heaven doth thee endow:—
Thy sun, rejoicing, beameth
With cloudless glory bright,—
Each mighty river streameth
To spread abroad delight;—
Most sweet thy bud and blossom,
And thy full harvest-store
Is poured into thy bosom
Till thou canst ask no more:—

And high 'mid lands renowned,
O Indian land, wert thou;
With ancient honour crowned
Was thine all-queenly brow.

II.
And yet, my heart is breaking
O Indian land, for thee—,
That thou, thy God forsaking,
Reft of true life shouldst be;
Yea, on thy soul is sorrow,
And darkness of the tomb;
Oh when will dawn a morrow

To chase the night of gloom?

In mines of deepest thought;
Yet bootless all thy sages
And mightlest men have taught;
Immersed in gross delusion,
When wisest most they seem,
Their learning is confusion,
Their knowledge is a dream.

III.
But now Heaven's light is falling,
O Indian land, on thee;
And Love's own voice is calling
To life and liherty:
From ages of transgression
Haste to the Father's feet!
So penitent confession
Shall full forgiveness meet.

Thy sons have toiled for ages

Then of all realms the fairest,
Rise India! from the dust,
Strong in the grace thou sharest,
Strong in thy perfect trust!
In garments of Salvation
And holy beanties clad,
Praise, O thou new-born nation,

The Christ that makes thee glad

The Rev. J. Murray Mitchell, L.L.D.

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"SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD, HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE."

Have you ever reflected on the influence you unconsciously exert on all among whom you live?

We no doubt feel, and often feel painfully, the responsibility devolving on us in respect of the immediate result of our actions for good or evil. If we break any of the commandments, or if under circumstances of temptation we are enabled to act uprightly, then in the one case we experience sorrow and remorse, in the other thankful satisfaction, at the direct effects of what we have done;—effects which, spreading like the circling wavelets in agitated water, may reach for the weal or woe of others besides ourselves, even into eternity. Without doubt the solemn thought often presents ifself to every reflective mind.

But are we not in danger of overlooking the indirect, though not less potent, influence of our example? Such indirect influence may arise in two different ways; first, from the undesigned effect on others of our voluntary action; and, second, from the equally powerful influence of our unconscious action,—that is of action springing, without immediate design, from habit and ingrained principle.

The first class of influences, we are perhaps in less danger of passing by. No one can be blind to the fact that beyond the effect of an act or word upon its immediate object, an influence radiates therefrom upon all who are its witnesses,—an influence which must be either helping forward the good cause, or fortifying the bad. And this power is exercised by every individual. There is none so lowly or insignificant but casts the weight of his or her influence

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into the scale either of good or evil. How many have been "won by the conversation" or attractive life of one who "adorned the doctrine of God in all things;" how many a youth in India has been saved by the happy example of a household in which, like Abraham's, an altar was ever reared for daily sacrifice. And (sad reflection) how many have been confirmed in ungodliness by the backsliding and inconsistent life of the careless Christian, or drawn down in the vortex of a sinking wreck!

But, though perhaps we seldom think of it, we are not the less responsible for the effect of our unconscious action,—for such things as our manner and temper, our tone, look and expression, our habits and our attitude towards good and evil. These are not the result in each case of a conscious exercise of the will. They are the counterpart of the mind within; and they are received by these about us, as all the truer index of the principles that reign there. No man can in this matter long dissemble; truth will out in the transparency of gesture or expression. God's name is taken in vain; does the shadow of pain involuntarily darken the countenance, or is there no wincing visible of wounded loyalty? The conversation lapses into "foolish talking of those things which are not convenient;" do the words fall on willing ears, or rather does not the blush of shame and virtuous indignation administer an undisguised reproof? Is the sneer at holiness received listlessly; or does it not rather elicit the flash in your countenance of disapproval, saying silently, but quick as the responsive spark of electricity,—" As for me, I esteemed the reproach of Christ greater treasures than the riches in Egypt?" When you hear of misfortune, does sympathy glisten in your eye, or is there the hard repulsive look which says, "Am I my brothers keeper?" Do men perceive in your countenance the outward marks of an abiding peace and joy within, beaming as the light from Moses' face when he descended from communion with his Lord; or do they gather from your morose and gloomy expression that religion must be an unhappy thing? Such are examples of the influence of which we speak. And thus we continually are, though unaware, advocates of the True or of the False. We either "confirm the feeble knees" in the right way, and warn those who are wandering from it; or all the while, though haply we think it not, are casting a stumbling-block in our brother's way, discouraging the good and abetting the evil.

And for all this influence, albeit unconscious and apparently involuntary, we are answerable. It is simply the outcome of the inner man; and the inner man is what by God's grace we are enabled to make it. It is the mind from within exhibiting itself at its portals to those without whether it be in expression, smile, from or



exclamation. So that, involuntary as the action seems, it is the natural and necessary result of thoughts and principles which we have ourselves been cultivating in our hearts, and for the effects of which we are responsible.

These truths are shadowed forth in nature. Of how many objects are the different phases pregnant with expression. The plaintive "soughing" of the fir or tamarisk, and the wild roar of the cataract, suggest each a meaning of its own. So George Herbert—

Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright.

The bridal of the earth and sky.

And Keble,

The deep culm sky, the sunshine of the soul.

Compare again, the "ceaseless dimpling of the waves" of Homer, or as it has been rendered by Keble;—

The many twinkling smile of Ocean;

With the same Poets' other metaphor;

The giddy waves so restless hurled, The vexed pulse of this feverish world.

Indeed illustrations from God's works around us occur at every step we take.

And now looking back to both kinds of action, to the undesigned consequences of our voluntary as well as of our unconscious action, let us be very sure that our life gives forth no uncertain sound. "Songs without words" may convey sweeter melodies and deeper and more heavenly symphonies than songs with words. Let even such harmonies be ever sounding forth from us.

Richard Wagner in his now famous Ring des Nibelungen, assigns to each of the personages in the drama a special musical phrase, or characteristic motif, which is invariably sounded from the Orchestra whenever its representative appears upon the stage, or is in any way alluded to. If some heavenly composer were to frame with unerring wisdom such a drama, what motif would represent each one of us? Ah, let us leave no doubt as to whether that phrase would be one of loyalty to our Maker. And if ever, when we appear upon the scene, there is any jar or discord in the strain, let not the cause be any divergence from the heavenly harmony in our characteristic note; rather let it be the dissonance springing from evil without us, and the shrill note of danger

promptly and intuitively sounded forth by us. Let the ring be the clear sterling ring of real worth; the ring not of the false but of the true.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

"Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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